

# MINUTES

of the debriefing of the WUSV World Championships

on 8 October 2012 in Steyr/Austria

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Start: 9:00 a.m.

## Item 1) Formalities

### 1.1. Opening of the meeting

The President of the WUSV, Mr Wolfgang Henke, opens the meeting and points out that this meeting is a debriefing, the primary participants of which are the team captains and/or a representative. He expresses his thanks to the hosting club, the SVÖ, for the great event. He points out to the smooth run of the event, the excellent hospitality as well as the high presence of political representatives. He welcomes in particular the audit manager, Mr Kampenhuber. An event with 35 nations and 150 participants, as he notices, is a confirmation of the WUSV idea, but now also a dimension which would have to be considered in case such growth continues. He explains that there are different possibilities to keep the event within such framework that would then actually be manageable. Nevertheless, this will be a matter of debate for the professionals in the near future.

### 1.2. Determination of the present team captains

The President declares, to keep the procedure brief, that not all countries of the WUSV will be read out, but that a corresponding prepared attendance sheet will be passed around, in which each club present must enter its name and the one of their representative.

## Item 2) Report on resolutions passed on the occasion of the 2012 WUSV general meeting in Ulm

The President gives the floor to the General Secretary, Mr Clemens Lux, who notes that only the essential items relevant for this meeting will be read out in a shortened form. He points out to the changes in the WUSV constitution in "Section 12 Duties of the member associations", "Section 24 Rendering Accounts and Auditing" and "Section 27 Minutes of the Meeting", as well as to the reporting obligation of breeding bans on a national level and/or bans regarding the registration of offspring for health reasons. He explains the new arrivals as introductory members, namely the Asociación Del Pastor Alemán Nicaragüense (APAN) from Nicaragua and the Club du Chien Berger Allemand (CCBA) from Morocco. Furthermore, the membership of the club from Russia has been revived as a full membership, and the club from Turkey has been granted full member status.

Mr Lux points out that it has been announced in Ulm that the WUSV judges may apply in accordance with the WUSV judging rules and that the applications forms are available on the website of the WUSV. He declares the WUSV breeding guidelines to be taken on the basis of the guidelines worked out by Austria and points out to the kennel name protection possible in the near future in the field of the WUSV.

### **Item 3) Review of the 25<sup>th</sup> WUSV World Championships 2012 in Steyr/Austria**

This item is taken on by the Chief Judge, President of the SVÖ and Vice President of the WUSV, Dr Wolfgang Tauber. He passes again the event in review, expressing his particular thanks to the present judges, Mr Pierre Wahlström, Mr Walter Lenk and Mr Josef Vonarburg. He notices that the size of the event has now reached limits regarding not only the organisational level, but also the capacities that can be expected from a judge. Moreover, he points out to the topic already addressed beforehand by the President: the fact that there is a need for action for the future. He now asks each judge to give a brief report on the discipline judged by them.

First of all, Mr Pierre Wahlström reports on the tracking work. He summarises that there was an even, very good tracking terrain, a good team, a good team captain and very good track layers who enabled him to carry out his work in an enjoyable manner. He states that there has been some ups and down through the hilly landscape, which, however, did not cause any major difficulties, except for the exertions for the judge. He recalls the novelty of organising a folkloric evening on the tracking terrain on Thursday evening of which all those present still have very vivid memories. As regards vegetation, he notices that there have been five different types of grass in all sorts of length and that the tracks as such had been very well prepared. He awarded 23 V, 55 SG, 37 G, 12 B and 14 M. 11% of the dogs had problems with missing objects, with the respective start of close to 71% of the dogs had to be objected to. This issue should be addressed. Apart from that, he expresses his thanks to the respective team captains and asks them to convey his thanks to the dog handlers for their great discipline.

For phase B, Mr Walter Lenk states that the organisational changes, namely the idea to form groups of six, was an excellent idea, since the recovery phases between the groups had also been long enough in this way. At this point, he again expresses his special thanks to Mr Kampenhuber, as according to his statements, the organisation worked extremely well and it had only been possible in this way to keep to the schedule. According to Mr Lenk, the future schedule should rather provide for eleven minutes per dog for discussion and other purposes, as the discussion might rather be more intense in this regard. He then explains several possibilities of how to achieve shorter presentations in this case. These possibilities, however, will still be submitted by him.

Mr Vonarburg then speaks for phase C. He, too, again expresses his special thanks to Mr Kampenhuber and the organisers for the performances shown and notices that the helpers in the protection phase did a great job. One should consider, however, whether or not it might be helpful to make use of one pair of helpers respectively, thus more helpers, as the helpers themselves reach the limits of their condition – which is quite natural – when they have to work with so many dogs for three days. He confirms that the presentation in groups of six worked extremely well. He notices that the dogs themselves did a very good job. Of the 146 dogs presented, 9 V, 36 SG, 64 G, 21 B and 14 M were awarded; two dogs did not have enough TSB (hunting potential, self-confidence and resilience), and eleven dogs only little. Particularly striking is the fact that England had been very strongly represented and achieved excellent performances, although English dogs are normally only rarely represented. As regards the very good works, the same is also true for Ireland. He especially emphasises this nation as it did not have many chances in the past to show its dogs.

The President expresses his thanks to the acting judges and asks them to prepare a short report, which can then be attached to the minutes; this undertaking is given by the judges.

#### **Item 4) 26<sup>th</sup> WUSV World Championships from 16 to 20 October 2013 in Philadelphia/USA**

Mr Daniel Yee of the German Shepherd Dog Club of America and of the present WDA, which is entrusted with the task of realising the next WUSV World Championships, takes the floor. He presents the competition sites, emphasizing that a new soccer stadium is available in Philadelphia, that there are grassy areas for the tracks which is quite even, and he guarantees good on-site accommodation and that hospitality is also guaranteed. He gives a short presentation of Philadelphia and its surroundings, mentioning that the city is a historical place, and illustrates the other locations. Regarding the tracking terrain, he mentions that it will once again be mowed six weeks before the event takes place so that grass with a length of approx. 15 cm is to be expected, that the participants will then drive themselves in the terrain and that a bus will be available for visitors. As regards the location, he explains, that there are three airports available and that Philadelphia can be reached from New York within approx. three hours. The hotels, in turn, have already been reserved in advance, and special prices have also been negotiated so that the stay in the main hotel with 129 rooms will cost 89 \$ including breakfast. He then shows some pictures of the event location, mentioning that live images will be transmitted via Wi-Fi; a corresponding arrangement has been made for video transmission, just as there is an arrangement with Gradlyn Kennels regarding the transport of the dogs from the different countries to Philadelphia. He again points out that the wrong date had been printed in the agenda and that the correct date is 16 to 20 October.

#### **Item 5) Announcement of the judges for the 2013 WUSV World Championships**

Mr Henke announces the judges for the 2013 WUSV World Championships.

Chief Judge: Günther Diegel (Germany)  
Track responsible: Jürgen Ritzi (Germany)  
Track: Peter Mayerl (Austria)  
Subordination: Haruo Masuda (Japan)  
Protection: Toine Jonkers (the Netherlands)

#### **Item 6) Assignment of WUSV World Championships**

2014	Reservation	Société du Chien de Berger Allemand – France
2015	Reservation	SPL-Saksanpaimenkoiraliitto ry – Finland
2016	Reservation	
2017	Reservation	VDH – Holland
2018	Reservation	Schaeferhundeklubben for Danmark – Denmark
2025	Reservation	R.C.B.A – Belgium

When assigning the WUSV World Championships, the reservations are explained. Furthermore, it is also noted that the 2016 World Championships will not take place in South Korea but that South Korea is instead probably thinking about an Asian championship. Mr Henke points out that he may possibly already know about an event location, which, however, has not yet been fixed to an extent that he might already announce the location even now.

#### **Item 7) Determination of the date for debriefing the WUSV World Championships**

The next debriefing of the WUSV World Championships will be scheduled for 21 October 2013 in Philadelphia, at 9:00 a.m.

**Item 8) Miscellaneous**

Under this item, various matters are discussed, such as the fact, for examples, that the judges are not even known yet, as Mr Diegel is absent due to illness, but that the list will be handed in soon. The matter here is the list of the judges for 2014. With the minutes at hand, it might probably be possible to at least mention some names.

As regards the event itself, there have been several requests to speak: amongst other things, it is noted, as Dr Tauber points out, that the marking for the subordination performances in the WUSV specifications will have to be made either in yellow or in white in the future, and not in red, as there are dog handlers who are colour blind and who will then not be able to recognise the red colour.

A special issue was the one of the bitch in heat. As regards this matter, a request was made for this bitch to be separated, as laid down in the testing standards, especially as respects the tracking work. Having debated on this subject, it is noted that the professionals will still have to discuss this topic further, whereas the request is supported in principle. In case that more recent or definite regulations are made, this topic will then be reflected in the specifications. The President then shortly brings up the topic of the WUSV Universal Winner Competition. Belgium invites those present to the event in 2013 and presents the locations. Mr Henke explains that different countries that had not yet participated in the event have already submitted their confirmations. Sweden, Norway and Holland are also showing interest. He refers to the website and explains that there is an airport in Diest which is only 20 minutes away. There, too, was a discussion with Gradlyn Kennels about the transport of the dogs, and it follows that they want to make special offers.

As none wished to comment on any other issues, the President closes the meeting at 10:45 a.m., asking them to enjoy a snack prepared by the host. Moreover, he asks everyone to be careful on their way home so that they will be all able to meet up again soon safe and sound.

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President of the WUSV

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General Secretary of the WUSV

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Keeper of the Minutes